people, its advance depends on the people. It is an accepted theory that the Government could do only propaganda work, guide and supervise the societies and have some general contol over them. Government should not and will not take up the internal administration of any society. That is the accepted principle throughout the world. The whole movement depends upon the character of the people and the character of the managing director whom people elect for each society. If they are of sound character and principle, the societies are bound to succeed and if the societies have fallen low, I am sure the action of the managing bodies should be responsible for it to a very large extent.

I took charge of this department about 10 months back. I found out the existing defects in the working of the societies. My aim was to cancel such of the credit societies as have become defunct or have not been functioning for two years. I am also trying to do propaganda work throughout the State and made the people start new societies on non-credit basis, as far as possible.

As for my being in charge of this department, I have been here because Government have posted me here. The Government have made this arrangement as an experimental measure and there are about 3 months more for Government, either to take it from me or pursue any policy that they like. Whether I am in charge of this department or not I should be very glad to see that cultivation, production and selling of rice is done by co-operative societies. Similarly, every product of industry from its commencement to the last stage should be done by the co-operative societies. It is earnestly wished that the members of this honourable House will encourage in their respective constituencies this programme, as far as possible. More than this I do not wish to say.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 1,0-,144 under Demand No. XVII—Co-operative Department was put to vote and carried.

DEMAND NO. XVIII—UPLIFT OF BACKWARD COMMUNITIES.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : Sir, I beg to move for a sum of Rs. 36,029 under Demand No. XVIII—Uplift of Backward Communities.

President : There are three honourable members to speak and eight minutes on the whole. Each member will therefore adjust the time accordingly.

Mr. Thomas Chandy Mukkadan : ഈ ഗ്രാൻറിനെ ഞാൻ പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നു. ഇതിനെക്കുറിച്ചു എനിക്കു വളരെയധികം പറയുവാനുണ്ടെങ്കിലും സമയപരിമിതിക്കൊണ്ടു് ഞാൻ അതിനു മുനിയുന്നില്ല.

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President: I have absolutely no objection to giving the honourable member eight minutes if the other honourable members would agree to it.

Mr. Thomas Chandy Mukkadan: ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽ നിന്നും സാധുജനങ്ങളുടെ ഉന്നമനത്തിനുവേണ്ടി ചെയ്യുന്ന പരിശ്രമങ്ങളിൽ ഞാൻ സന്തോഷിക്കയും ഗവണ്മെൻറിനെ അനുമോദിക്കയും ചെയ്യുന്നു. മറ്റുള്ള സ്ഥലങ്ങളേക്കാൾ കൂടുതലായിട്ടാണ് ഈ ദിശയിൽ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ കൂടുതലായി ചെയ്യേണ്ടതു. അവിടെ പുറക്കാട്ടു കരയിൽ കർഷകരുടെ ആശ്രയത്തിൽ കഴിഞ്ഞുകൂടുന്ന വേലക്കാർക്കു ഒരു കാളനി ഏർപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിനു ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നുള്ളതു വാസ്തവംതന്നെ എന്നാൽ അനവധി കുലിവേലക്കാർ അവിടെ താമസിക്കുന്നതിനു നിവർത്തിയില്ലാതേയും മറ്റും വിഷമിക്കുന്നു. നാലുവശവും വെള്ളത്താൽ ചുറ്റപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്ന കുട്ടനാട്ടിൽ ഇനിമേൽ ഒരിഞ്ചുസ്ഥലംപോലും താമസയോഗ്യമായി എടുക്കുവാൻ നിവൃത്തി ഇല്ലെന്നു ആലോചിക്കുമ്പോൾ ഈ സാധുജനങ്ങൾ അറിയാതെ എത്രമാത്രം കഷ്ടപ്പെടുന്നുണ്ടെന്നുള്ളതു നല്ലവണ്ണം വെളിപ്പെടുന്നതാണ്. ഗവണ്മെൻറു ഇങ്ങിനെയുള്ളവരെ താമസിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിലേക്കായി ഓരോ കരയിലും പ്രത്യേകം പ്രത്യേകം ഓരോ വീടുകൂടിവീതം വയ്ക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള സ്ഥലം സൗജന്യമായി ഉണ്ടാക്കിക്കൊടുത്താൽ അവരുടെ ചെലവിലോ അല്ലെങ്കിൽ, അവരെ സഹായിക്കുവാനും മറ്റും എപ്പോഴും തയാറായിരിക്കുന്ന അവരുടെ യജമാനന്മാരുടെ ചെലവിലോ വീടുകൾ വച്ചുകൊള്ളും. ഗവണ്മെൻറു ഈ കാര്യത്തിൽ വേണ്ടവണ്ണം ശ്രദ്ധിക്കണമെന്നു പേക്ഷിക്കുന്നു.

Mr. V S. Arumugham Pillai: What are the communities coming up under backward communities?

Mr. Thomas Chandy Mukkadan: ഗവണ്മെൻറു ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നതുതന്നെയാണ് ഞാനും ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നതു്.

Mr. T. K. Kittan: Sir, ഈ രാജ്യത്തു പിന്നോക്കസമുദായത്തിലുള്ളവരായി ഏകദേശം പത്തുലക്ഷം ജനങ്ങളോളമുണ്ടു്. അവരെ സംരക്ഷിക്കാൻ നമ്മുടെ ഗവൺമെൻറു ഇപ്പോൾ അനുവദിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു് അതിൽ ഒരു ലക്ഷം രൂപാ ശമ്പളത്തിനുപോയാൽ ബാക്കി ഒൻപതു ലക്ഷം രൂപയെ ഉള്ളു. രണ്ടു മിനിട്ടുകൊണ്ടു ഒരു കാര്യവും പറയാൻ സാധിക്കയില്ല. അതിനാൽ ഒന്നും പറയാതെ ഈ ഡിമാൻറിനെ ഞാൻ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു.

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Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar : I support the demand. I do not understand how this Department comes within the purview of the University. It would be much better if it had been handed over to the Revenue Department rather than to keep it under the University. Another thing that I have to say is, that we have got about 7 colonies distributed throughout the State. In many of these colonies the people have no work to do. They are situated in such places where they could not find work for the inmates of the colonies So far as the present colonies are concerned, I would urge upon the Government to ask the Public Works Department to give these people work. There is some communal feeling existing in some places where these colonies are situated. Supposing the backward communities are Hindus and the colony is situated in a Christian centre the Christian population would not give work to them. In the selection of sites for the colonies this fact should be borne in mind.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: Sir, I have noted Mr. Thomas Chandy Mukhadan's suggestion regarding the granting of free house sites to the members of the backward communities in the Kuttanad area. It is one of the recognised items in the programme of work for the uplift of the backward communities that free house sites should wherever possible be granted to them. So long as the agricultural labourer comes under the protection of this Department over which I exercise supervision, I anticipate no difficulties in the matter of distributing free house sites to the members of that class.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know how long will it take for the complete elimination of these backward communities ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: The problem is one of the gretest magnitude and complexity and importance, much more important than the problem of responsible government. It is not possible to fix the date for its complete solution.

Mr. M. Govindan (*Nominated*): May I know how the amount alloted for this Department has gone down from Rs. 40,000 to Rs. 35,000?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: It was explained Sir, in another place the other day. As I said then, the Government are extremely sympathetic and considerate in this matter and if I should find that the grant for 1115 was insufficient, I feel sure I can come to this House with a supplementary demand. No doubt, this question of granting free house sites will be considered by the Advisory Committee of which the Land Revenue Commissioner is a member. I am very grateful to Mr. Kittan for bringing to the notice of this House that the grant for this Department is too small.

With regard to Mr. Ananthasiva Aiyar's observations I may say, firstly, that the fact that this Department is attached to the University is an accident. This Department cannot be attached to

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[Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan.]

any particular department as its activities relate to or impinge upon several other departments. That is why we have got an Advisory Board with the Land Revenue Commissioner, the Director of Agriculture the Director of Industries, and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies as members.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: May I know how many times the Advisory Board has met?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: It met twice during the course of the last two years.

President: Order, order. The time having elapsed for the grant, I have to put the motion to the vote of the House.

The question that a sum of Rs. 36,029 be granted under Demand XVIII—Uplift of Backward Communities was put to vote and carried.

As the time elapsed the following Demands were put to the vote of the House and carried:

Demand XIX Ayurveda Rs. 83,728.
Demand XX Forests 8,75,595.
Demand XXI Registration Rs. 3,24,070.
Demand XXII Stamps Rs. 88,368.
Demand XXIII Currency and Mint Rs. 6,219.
Demaed XXIV Ports Rs. 27,764.
Demand XXV Jails Rs. 1,17,874.
Demand XXVI State Charities Rs. 9,541.
Demand XXVII Stationery and Printing Rs. 2,49,836.
Demand XXVIII Scientific and Miscellaneous Departments Rs. 91,110.
Demand XXIX Miscellaneous Charges Rs. 1,47,676.
Demand XXX Anchal Department Rs. 3,23,882.
Demand XXXI Capital Expenditure not charged to Revenue—Railways Rs. 36,580.
Demand XXXII Loans—Agricultural Loans Rs. 50,000.
Demand XXXIII Loans—Industrial Loans Rs. 10,000.
Demand XXXIV Loans—Other Loans and Advances Rs. 65,000.
Demand XXXV Loan to the Port Conservancy Board, Cochin, for Harbour Works etc. Rs. 2,00,000.
Demand XXXVI Debt Head—Advances Rs. 86,500.
Demand XXXVII Debt Head—Coinage Account Rs. 1,55,000.

President: The House will adjourn after finishing the elections which will take place presently, and meet again at 11 O' clock to-morrow.

The House adjourned at 5 P. M.

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